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SUBJECT: MTN: SECTOR GROUP: CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP FOR THE
SECTOR GROUP MEETING 1-3 JULY 1975, ISSUED 4 JULY AS
MTN/SEC/2:

QUOTE

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP: MEETING OF 1-3 JULY 1975

1. 1. THE GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH" HELD ITS SECOND MEETING DURING
THE PERIOD 1-3 JULY 1975 TO CARRY FORWARD ITS EXAMINATION OF THE
SECTOR APPROACH ON THE BASIS OF DOCUMENTS MTN/SEC/W/1 AND ADDENDA
AND MTN/SEC/W/2, PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT. THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL OF UNCTAD OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE WAS INVITED TO ATTEND
THE SESSION AS AN OBSERVER.

2. THE GROUP NOTED, SINCE THE DOCUMENTATION HAD BECOME AVAILABLE
ONLY RECENTLY, IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENTS TO CARRY
OUT AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. SOME
DELEGATIONS CONSIDERED THAT EVEN A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
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OF THE MATERIAL IN MTN/SEC/W/1 AND ADDENDA INDICATED THAT THERE

WERE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS OF TARIFF ESCALATION AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION

,
REINFORCED BY NON-TARIFF MEASURES, AND THAT THE SECTOR APPROACH,
INVOLVING CO-ORDINATED ACTION ON BOTH TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF
MEASURES, WAS NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT A MORE EFFICIENT ALLOCATION
OF RESOURCES AND PROMOTE AN ORDERLY EXPANSION OF TRADE IN THESE
AREAS. IT WAS ALSO CONSIDERED BY SOME DELEGATIONS THAT THE WORK ON
THE SECTOR APPROACH SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN PARALLEL WITH THE
WORK OF OTHER GROUPS. SOME OTHER DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, CONSIDERED THAT

THEIR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE STUDY DID NOT, AT THIS
STAGE, SHOW THAT THE SECTOR APPROACH WOULD PROVIDE ANY ADVANTAGES
OVER FORMULAE OF GENERAL APPLICATION FOR TRADE LIBERALIZATION.
A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THAT THE SECTOR APPROACH
SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE REGARDED AS A COMPLEMENTARY TECHNIQUE
AND THAT AN EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY THIS APPROACH
COULD BE USEFULLY UNDERTAKEN ONLY AFTER GENERAL APPROACHES FOR THE
REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES HAD
BEEN DEVELOPED.

3. THE GROUP AGREED THAT IT SHOULD, AT ITS NEXT MEETING, CARRY
OUT A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY
THE SECRETARIAT, WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHAT CONCLUSIONS,
IF ANY, MAY BE REACHED WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITIES
OFFERED BY THE SECTOR APPROACH IN RESPECT OF ORES AND METALS
AND IN RESPECT OF OTHER SECTORS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARIAT
AND ANY ELABORATION BY GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED
PROCEDURES.

4. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS EXAMINATION SHOULD TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
DIFFERENT TRADE BARRIERS APPLYING IN THE ORES AND METALS AREA
AS WELL AS OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY INFLUENCE TRADING PATTERNS
IN THIS AREA. THIS ANALYSIS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, THE
POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SECTOR APPROACH FOR DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA.

5. THE SECRETARIAT WOULD KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE POSSIBILITIES
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OF IDENTIFYING OTHER SECTORS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. THE GROUP NOTED THAT ONE DELEGATION INTENDED TO PRESENT TO
THE NEXT MEETING A PAPER ANALYZING THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED
BY THE SECTOR APPROACH WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN NON-FERROUS
ORES AND METALS.

7. SOME DELEGATIONS PROPOSED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE

REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES ON SECTORS COVERING ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, ELECTRONICS AND CHEMICALS. SUCH STUDIES COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS TO WHETHER THESE PRODUCT GROUPS MAY OR MAY NOT BE TAKEN UP FOR SECTOR NEGOTIATIONS. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, RECALLING THEIR GENERAL POSITIONS ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SECTOR APPROACH TO THE OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS, CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FIRST OF ALL TO PURSUE THE ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN THE DOCUMENTATION PRODUCED FOR THE MEETING. THE GROUP AGREED TO REVERT TO THIS MATTER AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXAMINATION OF EXISTING DOCUMENTATION AND AND DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT WAS NOTED THAT ONE DELEGATION WOULD PRESENT ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE ADDITIONAL SECTOR STUDIES IN WRITING.

8. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH" WOULD BE HELD DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING 3 NOVEMBER 1975.

9. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE CHAIRMAN WOULD MAKE AN ORAL REPORT TO THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP. UNQUOTE WALKER

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